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AGREEMENT; PROJECT V-6.1 (MARINE MAMMALS)

INCO: SCIENCE OFFICE FOR DARBYSHIRE

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. V.A.
ZEMSKY, DIRECTOR, LABORATORY OF MARINE MAMMALS, VNIRO,
17 V. KRASNOSELSKAYA, MOSCOW B-140, U.S.S.R. WITH COPIES
TO KAZAKOV HYDROMET AND DR. NIKONOROV OF MINISTRY OF
FISHERIES.

2. QUOTE - DEAR DR. ZEMSKY:
WITH REGARD TO THE COOPERATIVE WALRUS-ICE SEAL CRUISE ON
THE SOVIET SHIP, "ZASLONOV," 12 MARCH TO 1 MAY 1976,
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(PROTOCOL, PAGE 5, PARAGRAPH 4), WE FIND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE

TO TRANSFER U.S. SCIENTISTS TO SOVIET SHIP IN AREA 3-5 MILES OFFSHORE FROM DUTCH HARBOR, ALASKA. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND NO AVAILABILITY OF A SUITABLE VESSEL ARE THE REASONS. WE MUST FIND AN ALTERNATIVE, THEREFORE.

WHEN WE MET WITH YOU IN JANUARY, YOU INDICATED YOU WOULD CHECK AGAIN ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIET SHIP MIGHT COME INTO THE HARBOR AREA. SINCE THE CONDITIONS ARE MUCH MORE SUITABLE IN THE BARBOR AREA, WE COULD ADMAKE A TRANSFER

THERE WITHOUT NECESSITATING THAT THE VESSEL ACTUALLY DOCK OR ANCHOR. THIS OF COURSE REQUIRES THAT YOU OBTAIN A PORT CLEARANCE FOR DUTCH HARBOR.

IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO BRING THE SOVIET VESSEL INTO THE HARBOR AREA OF DUTCH HARBOR FROM YOUR STANDPOINT, I WOULD REQUEST THAT THE SOVIET VESSEL COME TO THE 3-5 MILE AREA OFFSHORE FROM KODIAK, ALASKA. WE CAN ARRANGE FOR USE OF AN APPROPRIATE VESSEL FOR TRANSFER THERE AND WEATHER IS CALMER.

U.S. SIDE WOULD PREFER TRANSFER IN HARBOR AREA OF DUTCH HARBOR PENDING U.S. CLEARANCE. WE REQUEST REPLY AS TO WHICH OF TWO ALTERNATIVE IS ACCEPTABLE TO OPDDYOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALSO, PLEASE PROVIDE 'D "CALL LETTERS" OF ZASLONOV FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION.

R.V. MILLER

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3. REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE REPLY FROM SOVIET SIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS TWO COPIES OF ENGLISH TEXT PRODDD PROTOCOL FROM RECENT WALRUS-ICE SEAL CONFERENCE, MOSCOW (JANURAY 12-20, 1976) TO DR. ZEMSKY AND ONE EACH TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET AND DR. NIKONOROV OF MINISTRY OF FISHERIES. MILLER REGRETS LACK OF TIME PREV:NTED HIM FROM DISTRIBUTING THESE COPIES BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. COPIES POUCHED SEPARATELY. NO. .

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5. REQUEST EMBASSY STRESS IMPORTANCE OF EARLY APPLICATION BY SOVIETS FOR PORT CLEARANCE IF ZASLONOV CAN COME INTO HARBOR AREA OF DUTCH HARBOR. KISSINGER

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